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existing home sales and median prices in June. The statewide median price in June was \$489,560, up 0.8% from May and up 7.0% from a year earlier. The June median price was also the highest recorded since November 2007.

Statewide, the number of single-family homes that closed escrow in June increased by 11.0% over the year to 437,040 units (seasonally adjusted, annualized rate) and rose 3.3% from May. Home sales in June reached their highest level in nearly two years and was the third straight month in which sales rose above 400,000 units. Momentum in California's housing market continues to hold up, although price gains may be somewhat less robust than last year. (Read more)

Cargo Volumes Slow in June

The total number of containers handled at the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles in June 2015 fell by 3.1 percent on a year-over-year basis to 1,305,424 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) after rising the previous three months. Cargo volumes have largely returned to their underlying trends following the heavy slowdowns resulting from labor disruptions. At the Port of Los Angeles, total containers decreased by 2.0 percent on a year-over-year basis while the Port of Long Beach saw total containers drop by 4.4 percent in June when compared to last year.

Imports (loaded inbound traffic) at the Port of Los Angeles fell by 3.6 percent from June 2014 to June 2015, decreasing from 382,666 TEUs to 368,709 TEUs. Meanwhile, imports at the Port of Long Beach slid by 6.0 percent from June 2014 to June 2015, falling from 316,054 TEUs to 297,189 TEUs. Across both ports, the number of loaded inbound containers ticked up by 0.7 percent. (Read more)

Business Scan - LA County Economic Indicators

July 2015 just published!

Business Scan is a compilation of key Los Angeles County economic indicators and business trends, including employment, trade, housing, tourism and more! Business Scan is updated regularly with the most recent local statistics. (View here)

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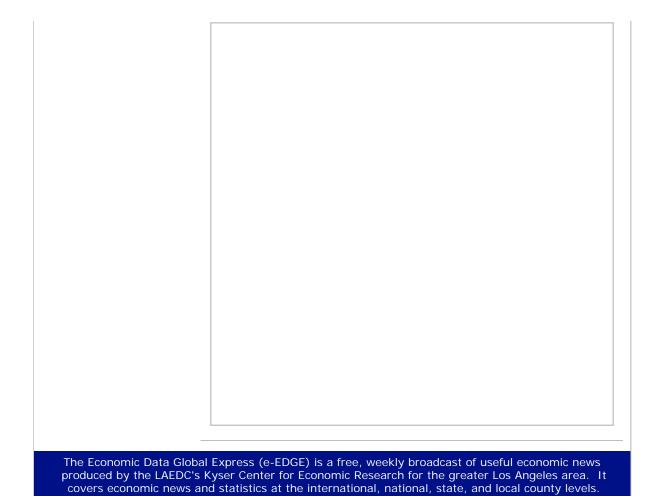
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